

Senate bill No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate Patent No. 146, Volume 15, issued to A. J. Gray, to 426 acres of land in Comanche county, Texas."

Bill read third time, and passed.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message was received from the House:

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

House bill No. 145, "An Act to provide for the destruction of prairie dogs, and fix a penalty against persons who fail or refuse to exterminate the prairie dogs on the lands owned or leased by them;"

Also House bill No. 58, "An Act to amend Article 3820, Title LXXXV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing certain qualifications for the office of Public Buildings and Grounds."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN SENATE.

The above reported House bills were read first time and referred as follows:

House bill No. 145 to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 58 to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By unanimous consent, Senator Goss sent up the following

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That a committee of three Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to visit the Sam Houston Normal Institute, the State University at Austin, and the Prairie View Normal and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and make such report as they may deem advisable on the condition of said institutions, and that their expenses be paid out of the contingent fund.

Adopted.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the Panhandle Railway, and to operate the same under the charter of the

Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same, and to construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter, under the General Laws of the State of Texas."

Pending action, on motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m., Monday.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Monday, Feb. 20, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.

Absent.

Gough.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Stone.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Kerr, the same was dispensed with.

INVITATION.

The Chair had the following read:

Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Twenty-sixth Legislature.

GENTLEMEN: You are cordially invited to attend a celebration in honor of Washington and the heroes of the South, to be given in the auditorium of the University of Texas, tomorrow evening the 21st, under the auspices of the Charles Broadway Rouss Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Addresses will be made by Dr. George Bruce Halsted and the Hon. L. T. Dashiell.

Excellent music will add pleasure to the exercises.

Lieutenant-Governor J. N. Browning will preside.

No admission fee.

Program will begin at eight o'clock sharp.

Respectfully,

A. S. PHELPS,
G. M. ROBERDEAU,
J. L. TAFF,

Committee Sons of Confederate Veterans.

(President pro tem. Stafford in the chair.)

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Davidson:

Memorial from citizens and officers of Bee county, asking for an appropriation for support of frontier battalion of State rangers.

Read, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Sebastian:

Petition from bar of Taylor county, asking that the Code of Criminal Procedure be so amended as to compel county judges in this State to have regularly drawn juries in their courts.

Read, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 125, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 617b, Chapter 12, Title XVIII, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the abolishment of municipal corporations."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

(Floor report):

Miller, Atlee, Burns, James, Dibrell, Greer and Ross.

MILLER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 124, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 and Section 14, of Chapter 164, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating

to a uniform system of text-books, adding thereto additional branches of study, and making the same apply to cities of more than ten thousand inhabitants,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

PATTERSON, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 190, being a bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the President and Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to employ an expert entomologist, whose duty it shall be to devise means, if possible, of destroying the 'Mexican boll weevil,' and other insect pests, and to perform the duties of Professor of Entomology in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and appropriating five thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying this act into effect,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Ross:

Senate bill No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 25 of said act, and adding Section 31a thereto."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Lewis:

Senate bill No. 177, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3550, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the suspension from office of officers against whom a petition for removal is filed."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 178, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3550, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to the relief of actual occupants of homestead donations."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

By Senator Burns:

Senate bill No. 179, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cotton exchanges, boards of trade and chambers of commerce to incorporate themselves by the voluntary association of three or more persons."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Greer:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that on Wednesday and Thursday of each week the House bills shall have precedence for consideration in the Senate until disposed of, and the Senate bills shall have precedence for consideration in the House until disposed of, on the same days.

Adopted.

Call concluded.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The regular order of business being special order,

Senate bill No. 91, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the appointment of a receiver to take charge, control and management of all the property and assets of any railroad company when the enforcement of any of the freight or tariff rates fixed by the Railroad Commission is or has been enjoined by suit in any court, State or Federal."

On motion of Senator Wayland consideration of same was postponed to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the better protection of the farmer in the purchase of commercial fertilizers, and for other purposes."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Davidson:

"Amend line 10, page 1, by inserting after the word 'fertilizer' the following: 'or commercial poisons such as London purple, arsenic, Paris green or any poison, used for the purpose of destroying the boll worm or other pest, sold.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Wayland:

"Amend line 7, page 1, by inserting after the word 'fertilizers' the following: 'and commercial poisons used for destroying boll worms and other pest.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Wayland:

"Amend by adding Section 10, as follows:

"Section 10. Whereas, the fact that there is now no law authorizing the analysis of commercial fertilizers or the testing of adulterated poison when used for the purpose of destroying the boll

worm and other pests, and the better protection of the farmer, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and said rule is so suspended, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

By Senator Davidson:

"Amend by inserting after the word 'fertilizer' wherever it occurs the words 'or commercial poisons,'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Gough.	Turney.
Linn.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Gough.	Turney.
Linn.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Senator Wayland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Goss, House bill No. 145 (prairie dog bill) was recalled from Judiciary Committee No. 2, to which it had been referred, and was then referred to Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

On motion of Senator Morriss the special order (Senate bill No. 91) was again postponed to take up, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and maintain a more efficient road system for Cass county."

Bill read third time.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend by striking out Section 10, and changing the numbers of the other sections to correspond."

Adopted.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend Section 2, page 2, line 6, by making '8 inches' read '10 inches,' and line 10, same section and page, by making in line 10, '6 inches' read '8 inches,' and strike out 'only' in line 13 same section and page."

Adopted.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend Section 12, line 23, page 6, by making '\$1.00 per day' read '\$2.00 per day.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend by adding after Section 17, to be properly numbered, a section to read as follows: 'As this act contemplates a system of terraced roads for Cass county which will necessarily take a number of years to complete, nothing in this act is to be construed to prevent the assessment and collection of road and bridge taxes not to exceed fifteen cents per \$100 of taxable values in this county when an election for that purpose has been held according to law in said county.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Patterson.
James.	Potter.
Johnson.	Ross.
Kerr.	Sebastian.
Lewis.	Stafford.
Linn.	Wayland.

Absent.

Gough.

Neal.

Stone.

Turney.

Yantis.

Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

On motion of Senator Linn the special order (Senate bill No. 91), was further postponed to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 116. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 529, 529e, 529l, of Chapter 5, Title XIII, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895, and adding thereto Article 529u, and amending Articles 529g and 529s, and repealing Subdivision 18 of Article 529g, of Chapter 98, of the General Laws of the State of Texas of 1897, relating to the offenses for the protection of fish, birds and game, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Bill read second time.

(Senator Atlee in the chair.)

By Senator Linn:

"Amend the bill on page 3, line 6, after the word 'bay' by adding the following: 'Also all that portion of water in said county lying east and north of a line running from the southernmost point of Tuspallacios Point to Half Moon Light House; thence in a northeasterly direction to Dog Island; thence in a northeasterly direction to the mouth of Coney Creek.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Linn:

"Amend line 17, page 5, by adding the words 'an emergency and an' just before the word 'imperative.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	

Absent.

Goss.

Neal.

Patterson.

Stafford. Yantis.
Stone. Yett.
Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn.	

Absent.

Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Patterson.	Yett.
Stafford.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Potter the special order (Senate bill No. 91) was again postponed to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 156, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize railroad companies of this State to accept and exercise the rights and privileges conferred upon them by acts of Congress granting them the right of way for their roads in and through the Indian Territory, without limiting the authority of the laws of Texas over so much of such railroad as may be within the State of Texas."

Bill read (in full at request of Senator Lewis) second time.

Bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Potter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
James.	Potter.
Johnson.	Ross.
Kerr.	Sebastian.
Lewis.	Stafford.
Linn.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Wayland.

18—Senate

Nays—1.

Grinnan.

Absent.

Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	

Nays—1.

Grinnan.

Absent.

Gough.	Stone.
Linn.	Turney.
Goss.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Action again recurring to the special order, the Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 91, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the appointment of a receiver to take charge, control and management of all the property and assets of any railroad company when the enforcement of any of the freight or tariff rates fixed by the Railroad Commission is or has been enjoined by suit in any court, State or Federal."

Bill read second time, with unfavorable majority committee report and favorable minority committee report.

Senator Grinnan moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Senator Burns moved to table the motion to substitute.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
James.	Potter.
Kerr.	Ross.
Lewis.	Sebastian.
McGee.	Wayland.

Nays—8.

Davidson.	Linn.
Goss.	Lloyd.
Gough.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.

Absent.

Johnson.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Stone.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

The majority (unfavorable) report was then adopted.

PENDING BUSINESS.

On adjournment Saturday last, the Senate had before it the following bill, which the Chair now laid before the Senate,

House bill No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the Panhandle Railway, and to operate the same under the charter of the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same, and to construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter, under the General Laws of the State of Texas," on third reading.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Linn.	Terrell.
McGee.	Wayland.
Miller.	

Nays—2.

Davidson.	Grinnan.
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Present—not voting.

Lewis.

Absent.

Goss.	Turney.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Senator Lewis asked to be excused from voting on the bill for the reason he was not present when the bill was considered and discussed by the Senate.

Senator Stafford moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

Senator Terrell called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which

Substitute House bill No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 492, Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to amend Article 491, of Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency, was passed.

(See Journal of February 7th, page 199.)

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Senator Terrell then called up Senator Greer's motion to reconsider the vote by which Senator McGee's amendment, to wit:

"Amend Section 1, page 2, by striking out the words 'and such overseer or superintendent,' lines 2 and 5," was lost.

Reconsidered.

The amendment was then

Adopted.

Question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Dibrell.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Stone.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the County Court of Bexar county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Laws of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Bill read third time.

By Senator Lewis:

"Amend by striking out the word 'thirty,' on page 2, Section 6, line 24, and insert 'ninety.'"

Bill as amended passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Lewis, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.

Absent.

Goss.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Stone.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Goss.	Turney.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 870 and 873, of Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to county finances, and to add to said chapter and

title Article 871a, so as to make the law applicable to municipal corporations."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Goss.	Turney.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Goss.	Turney.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

(Senator Greer in the Chair.)

By unanimous consent, the following bills were introduced:

By Senator Linn:

Senate bill No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wharton county and Lavaca county, in the State of Texas, and making county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners, and

prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, defining their duties and powers as such, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and their duties, and for the working of county convicts on the public roads of such counties, and providing for the payment of officer's fees and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for the same, and fixing penalties for violation of this act."

Bill read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Sebastian:

Senate bill No. 181, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 695, Title VIII, Chapter 4, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, 'Apportionment,' Article 21, subdivisions 3 and 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, dividing the State of Texas into five supreme judicial districts, for the purpose of constituting and organizing courts of civil appeals therein, so as to place Mason county in the Third Supreme Judicial District, and Comal county in the Fourth Supreme Judicial District."

Bill read second time, and on motion of Senator Davidson, laid on the table subject to call.

RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Senator Sebastian,

Senate bill No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Article 5043, Chapter 121, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and to place Eastland county under the provisions of the law relating to the inspection of hides and animals," was re-committed to the Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing and did sign, after their captions had been read,

House bill No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title IV, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to the unlawful disposing of mort-

gaged property, and more particularly fixing the venue of such cases."

House bill No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the removal of the remains of the late lamented W. A. A. Wallace; familiarly known as 'Big Foot' Wallace, from Frio county, and for their interment in the State cemetery at Austin, and making the necessary appropriation therefor."

Senator Dibrell called up House bill No. 190, which was this morning favorably reported by Committee on Agricultural Affairs, and moved that the rule requiring bills to lay on the table one day be suspended, and that the bill be now considered.

So ordered.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 190, "An Act authorizing and directing the President and Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to employ an expert entomologist, whose duty it shall be to devise means, if possible, of destroying the 'Mexican boll weevil,' and other insect pests, and to perform the duties of Professor of Entomology in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and appropriating five thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying this act into effect."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Lloyd:

"Amend Section 1, line 25, by adding after the words 'chinch bug,' the following, 'peach bug, fly and worm.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Lloyd:

"Amend Section 3, line 5, by adding after the word 'cotton' the words 'and peach.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Lloyd:

"Amend Section 3, line 8, by adding after the word 'cotton' the words 'and peach.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lewis.
Davidson.	Linn.
Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Greer.	McGee.
Grinnan.	Miller.
James.	Morriss.

Odell. Stafford.
Potter. Terrell.
Ross. Wayland.
Sebastian.

Absent.

Goss. Stone.
Gough. Turney.
Johnson. Yantis.
Neal. Yett.
Patterson.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee. McGee.
Burns. Miller.
Davidson. Morriss.
Dibrell. Odell.
Greer. Potter.
Grinnan. Ross.
James. Sebastian.
Kerr. Stafford.
Lewis. Terrell.
Linn. Wayland.
Lloyd.

Absent.

Goss. Stone.
Gough. Turney.
Johnson. Yantis.
Neal. Yett.
Patterson.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

By unanimous consent, Senator Odell introduced the following

BILL.

Senate bill No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the city councils or boards of aldermen in each village, town or city in this State that may hereafter be granted a special charter by act of the Legislature to submit such special charter to the qualified voters of such village, town or city for their approval or rejection at an election to be held for that purpose, and providing that such special charter be ratified at such election by a majority of the qualified voters participating or voting at such election before such charter can go into effect."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

On motion of Senator James, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1899.
Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Ross, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Odell, Senator Sebastian was excused for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, Senator Linn was excused indefinitely on account of sickness in his family.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Stafford:

Petition from citizens of Wood county, protesting against the passage of the bill now pending for the creation of the office of State Purchasing Agent.

Read, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 176, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 25 of said act, and adding Section 31a thereto,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

Floor report: Atlee, James, Ross, Stafford, Burns, Miller.

MILLER, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared